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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): C. AKAMATSU, et al

Serial No.: (not yet assigned)

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For: METHOD OF USING AV DEVICES AND AV DEVICE SYSTEM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 19, 2001

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully  
submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, before line 1, insert the following new  
paragraph:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This is a division of U.S. application Serial No.  
09/176,773, filed October 22, 1998, the subject matter of  
which is incorporated by reference herein.--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-24 without prejudice or disclaimer  
of the subject matter thereof.

**REMARKS**

By the above amendment, the specification has been amended so as to refer to the parent application, and claims 1-24 have been canceled, with claims 25-61 remaining in the application, it being noted that such claims were directed to a restriction requirement in the parent application.

Examination of the application and favorable action thereof is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (500.36668VX1) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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